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of Commons either as a participant, an observer or sometimes even as one who interrupts.

I wish to associate myself with the remarks that had been made concerning yourself, Mr. Speaker, concerning the Deputy Speaker, the Chairman, and all the officials of the house, the members of parliament and the members of the staff who look after the needs of the House of Commons. It is impossible to name them all without omitting some who should be named but I wish to include them all in our expression of thanks.

Parliament is a great institution. Although we sometimes appear to falter, nevertheless every hon. member is interested in maintaining the magnificent traditions of this institution and under your leadership, sir, I believe that has been done very ably during this session.

Mr. Speaker: May I be permitted to acknowledge on behalf of those who have been so deservedly complimented the happy and well justified expressions of appreciation which have come from all sides of the house. The officers, the staff of the House of Commons and the staff of the Department of the Secretary of State have been properly noticed for the service they have given. On behalf of those who are unable to speak for themselves I acknowledge these compliments which I am sure will be gratefully received.

For myself, I am really very pleased at what has been said. It is not possible to walk a tightrope without swinging even involuntarily. I am sure that at times some hon. members have thought I have swung one way when to others it may have seemed that I was swinging in the opposite direction; but it is all the more appreciated that hon. members have expressed themselves as they have and have co-operated so fully in circumstances in which it is not always possible to be right.

I am particularly pleased with the compliments that have been paid to the deputy-chairman of the committee of the whole house. I have not had the same opportunities as others to observe him in action but I am sure that what has been said is well deserved and I know that hon. members will wish him to have an opportunity to speak for himself.

Mr. Gordon Chown (Winnipeg South): As the house would have expected, sir, you have done very adequately what I had hoped to do, however inadequately, and however briefly. I have found my service in the house a very inspiring experience indeed. Such an experience can be inspiring only if one has the gracious co-operation of all hon. members and particularly the co-operation and assistance of those to whom we look to nurse us

through all the difficult passages that face us as we proceed with the business of the committee.

I must say I was deeply moved by the probably over generous comments made by the hon. member for Laurier (Mr. Chevrier), the acting leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition, and I wish the hon. gentleman to know that I shall be everlastingly grateful.

Mr. Speaker: There is one other item of business not on the order paper. I expect now it is tomorrow's business. When we go to the other place I think it is a reasonable expectation that our duties will not bring us back to this chamber but there are other occupations which I think are appropriate for the termination of the session and I am sure that nourishment will be needed after we have been to the other place.

When we return from the other place I hope that hon. members will come back to the room across the hall and bring their wives or husbands, if they are here. I should also like to include in this invitation the members of the press gallery and their wives.

And the sitting having continued until after midnight.

Friday, September 29, 1961

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Government House,
Ottawa, September 28, 1961

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Mr. Justice Patrick Kerwin, Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as deputy of the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber at 11:50 p.m. today, September 28, 1961, for the purpose of proroguing the fourth session of the twenty fourth parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,
Col. A. G. Cherrier,
Assistant Secretary
to the Governor General.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

In the Senate chamber the Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act for the relief of Jean George Lipsman.
An act for the relief of Margaret Terese MacDonald Tombs.
An act for the relief of Esther Miller Finkelstein.